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FOR: PRODUCTION OF A :

SEMIFINSHED LEATHER PRODUCT

## RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION

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SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Election mailed October 8, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect the Group I species, i.e., aldehyde tanning agents, isocyanates, aluminum salts, oxazolidines and tetrakishydroxymethylphosphonium chloride.

The claims specifically readable on the elected species include 2 and 11, although Claims 1, 3-10, and 14-19 still contain important recitation for the practice of this invention.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.